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Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application, without prejudice, as follows:

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please revise the currently pending claims, which are numbered 1-24, as set forth in Attachment 1 which is identified as "Marked Up Version of Claims".

Also included is Attachment 2 which is titled "Clean Copy of Claims as Revised".

Please add claims 25-28 as shown in Attachment 3.

REMARKS

Applicant requests entry of this Second Preliminary Amendment, and requests an early action toward the merits of this case.

Please charge any costs in connection with this Second Preliminary

Amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-1943.